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Trucks sat outside of the student center Friday and Saturday to collect supplies for Hurricane Katrina survivors.

UNO students collect donations

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Half a truckload of supplies given by UNO students and the surrounding community set off for Mississippi on Saturday to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

UNO senior Deborah Weingarten

spearheaded the project, and gained support during a meeting on Sept. 8, held by Rita Henry, assistant vice chancellor of student affairs. The meeting was intended to coordinate campus hurricane relief efforts and was attended by more than a dozen student leaders and faculty members.

Weingarten was upset over

the devastation of the hurricane and decided she needed to do something. After searching the Internet and making phone calls, she finally found an address for Mississippi drop point docks.

"I wanted it to be very orderly," Weingarten said. She contacted Mike Settle from Two Men and a Truck, a local moving company. They agreed to

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UNO program sends care packages to Middle East

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For some UNO-affiliated troops serving in the Middle East, some of the creature comforts of home are a little more accessible thanks to the a program organized by the UNO Alumni Association.

The "In Care of..." program was designed in the spring of 2005 to provide UNO alumni, current students and the family members of alumni and current students with a few of the minor accoutrements that they are sometimes lacking while being stationed in a war zone.

The care packages include things like first-aid kits, calling cards and sun block. According to Tony Flott of the Alumni Center, the project was set up as a way to show alumni that their donations are being used to benefit members of the graduate body worldwide, reflecting a new slogan for this academic year.

"We have a new slogan for this year: Making a World of Difference. We want to show members that we are making difference," Flott said.

"Someone in the association is always looking. It's good to show the donors that we're doing some good."

Flott said that the program is hampered because the only way to locate these service members is when their information is forwarded on

to the association through friends, family members and other alumni. He has found that alumni are responsive to requests in the Alumni newsletter.

"After the publicity in the Alum we saw a spike [in referrals]."

Flott says that there is a history of UNO support for troops abroad.

"Look at some Gateway [articles]. I think you'll see more support for the military there, too."

Flott said that the military involvement on campus goes back to "The Boot Strappers." This program was started by Gen. Curtis LeMay on the University of Omaha campus in the 1940s to get returning military members back in the classroom after completing tours of duty in World War II. It is this level of military involvement that has led to a large number of UNO graduates being affiliated with the military.

"[We have] over 11,000 military graduates. That makes one-tenth of our graduate body, including four star generals and admirals," he said.

According to Flott the packages have been well received by the service members.

"We haven't gotten much feedback from them, but that's not what it's about. The ones we have heard from have been grateful."

Magazine solicitors get booted off campus

KRISTEN FUCHSER
STAFF WRITER

UNO security continues to take action against magazine solicitors. Last Wednesday two solicitors were banned from campus.

"It's annoying. If I wanted to subscribe to a magazine, I would do it on my own," said sophomore Ashley Foltz, who was approached by a solicitor on Wednesday at her dorm on University Village.

"It was hard to get rid of them," Flotz added.

Kosel is familiar with solicitors coming to campus.

"Magazine solicitors tend to hit campus about once a semester," said Paul Kosel of Campus Security.

Campus housing and the Milo Bail Student Center are their primary targets.

"It seems like it's a different company each time, but either way, they stick out like a sore thumb," Kosel said.

Students that live at the dorms have mixed feelings when it comes to this subject.

"It's stupid. It says on the gate 'No Soliciting.' It's part of our privacy so we don't get bothered by them," said resident, freshman

Steviana Wandersee.

"I'd rather have someone try to sell me magazines than a religion or an ideology," said freshman Jeff Carritt.

"It doesn't really bother me because I like to hear their spiel and give them a hard time," said sophomore Tyler Lewandowski. He said that a friend once bought him a 2-year subscription from a magazine solicitor and he only received the magazine for one year.

Freshman Megan Werkmeister also thinks the free sub coupons to Subway handed out last week at the student center were a scam.

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Josh Bashara

University Village has recently been targeted by magazine solicitors.

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News You Can Use

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NEWS EDITOR

México Sinfónico 2005 to Celebrate Mexican Independence Day Sept. 14

UNO will kick off Hispanic Heritage Month activities Wednesday with México Sinfónico 2005. The concert, which commemorates Mexican Independence Day, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Strauss Performing Arts Center Recital Hall. It is free and open to the public.

The Heartland Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Christopher Stanichar, will perform selections by Mexican composers. Jose Luis Cuevas, the Consul of Mexico, will ceremoniously close the event with El Grito de Dolores – the cry for Mexican Independence.

The concert – sponsored by the UNO Department of Music, the Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS) and The Mexican Consulate – will be followed by a small reception. Partial funding for this event has been provided by OLLAS through the U.S. Department of Education.

For more information, contact Lucy Garza at 554-3835 or lgarza@mail.unomaha.edu.

North Omaha Seminar Orientation Sept. 27-28

In January of 2006, a dozen UNO professors will step into the role of students, studying the history and culture of North Omaha and complementing that study with service-learning projects at community-based organizations.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, and Wednesday, Sept. 28, the Service-Learning Academy

(SLA) will host two sessions of orientation for faculty interested in participating in the North Omaha Seminar, which will be held the week of Jan. 3-6. Orientation meetings will be held in 116 Engineering from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Faculty need only attend one of the sessions.

"The program's objectives are to create within an interdisciplinary faculty group an understanding of the North Omaha community – its composition and strengths, to fashion a first-hand experience for faculty of service-learning from the student's perspective and to generate service-learning courses responsive to North Omaha's issues," said Alice Woll with the SLA.

The SLA staff will provide faculty with specific information about involvement in the seminar at the orientation. Information about seminar goals, the faculty service experience and faculty stipends will be available. Professional benefits provided by this experience also will be discussed.

To R.S.V.P., contact Woll at 554-6019 or awoll@mail.unomaha.edu.

UNO Fitness Center to offer new program this fall

The UNO Fitness Center is introducing a new program this semester – Special Exercise for Life and Fitness (SELF).

"SELF is designed for those who need special accommodations when exercising, including those with, but not limited to, diabetes, arthritis, obesity, fibromyalgia, hypertension and other health issues," said Melissa Meisinger with the UNO Fitness Center.

The program will begin Tuesday, Sept. 20. All sessions will be held in the

Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building. The cost is \$75 for six months. Late registration is available, and the six months will begin when participants start.

For more information, contact the UNO Fitness Center at 554-3221.

Notice for Crossroads Mall shuttle users

During construction of the Target Store at Crossroads Mall, the left turn lane from 72nd Street to the Crossroads Mall parking garage was closed off last Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The closure is expected to last about two weeks. Individuals are asked to use the Cass Street entrance to enter the parking garage. The UNO shuttles will continue to pick up and drop off at the southwest corner of the parking garage.

For more information, contact Campus Security at 554-2648.

Planned Parenthood offers free services to those displaced by Katrina

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Students, faculty attend forum on evolution

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Rationalists, Empiricists, and Skeptics of Nebraska had its sixth annual fall forum at the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Entitled "Just When You Thought it Was Safe to Teach Evolution," the forum featured keynote speaker Eugenie Scott, director of the National Center for Science Education and author of the book *Evolution vs. Creationism*. It brought together community members, students and faculty members from UNO and other universities.

The teaching of evolution is one of the most heavily contested areas in American education. Some view the conflict as a misunderstanding, or a campaign of political subterfuge, arguing that evolution can be viewed in harmony with religion.

Recently, the controversy has gotten more attention, both in the press and in cultural outlets. For instance, this week Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" will feature a segment called "Evolution Schmevolution."

The focus of Scott's speech was "how we got to where we are," which she divided into three phases: the antievolution laws

of the 1920s, creation science, and "neocreationism." She discussed topics ranging from key legal cases to an explanation of the motivations and techniques employed by antievolution advocates.

The centerpiece of her lecture was the idea that antievolution advocates try to create a "false dichotomy" between creationism and evolution, where disproving evolution would suffice as a proof for creationism.

"I am not the village atheist," Scott said. "It makes about as much sense to be anti-religious as it does to be anti-kinship. [Religion] just doesn't speak to me."

Scott was preceded by Charles Austerberry, an assistant professor of biology at Creighton University and cofounder of the Nebraska Religious

Coalition for Science Education. Austerberry spoke about evolution education in Nebraska.

"We have to do what we can to defend good science," Austerberry said. "We should have confidence but not complacency."

According to member Jim Bechtel, the forum attracted "two to three times the normal turnout," mostly likely due to the timeliness of the subject.

The organization also had a signup sheet for UNO students who might be interested in forming a chapter of the Campus Freethought Alliance, which already has an affiliate at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Only a few students expressed interest, but Bechtel said that members would continue to offer support for the idea.



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donate two trucks on Friday and Saturday and to drive the supplies to the docks at Jackson, Mississippi.

Floyd Doolittle from FEMA was Weingarten's contact in Mississippi and had given her a very specific list of things they needed.

Weingarten and the trucks set up post from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday Sept. 9, and Saturday Sept. 10, in the parking stalls in front of the Student Center.

"I was there both days for over 12 hours," Weingarten said.

Friday did not see much of a gain but on Saturday a lot of people came by to make donations, Weingarten said. They only ended up needing one truck but still had plenty of supplies to fill half of it.

"I wanted to thank everyone who helped and donated, I especially want to thank Catholic Campus Ministries and Two Men and a Truck," Weingarten said. "I also could not have done this without the sponsorship of Alpha Kappa Delta."

Another UNO student, sophomore Chelle Moran, attended the hurricane relief meeting and helped out with the truck most of the day on Friday and Saturday.

"I felt like [this] was something I could do because I would watch TV and just feel helpless," Moran said.

Chipotle and Qdoba helped contribute by donating lunch to the volunteers.

The meeting on Thursday also helped to bring several campus organizations together and coordinate their ideas so none would be

overlapping or competing for funds. Henry said she wanted to bring the meeting together to see if there was an organized effort that could go on throughout the campus.

"There is quite a bit of energy around campus, and I just wondered 'what can we do?'"

Some were in favor of developing a sustained effort, and some wanted quick response.

"We need immediate efforts," said Crystal Reid, editor in chief of the *Gateway*. She also added that the *Gateway* office had been collecting toiletries and baby items, and sponsored free ads for relief efforts.

Sharif Liwaru, with Cultural Awareness Programs, said that many of the organizations had contacted him about their efforts in helping. These ranged from the donation of half the proceeds from MavStock by Mav Radio, the Greek organizations possibly launching a trip to Louisiana to the National Council of Negro Women collecting money for the Salvation Army.

Paul Sather, director of Service Learning Academy and American Humanics, talked about spending some of the time during "7 Days of Service" over spring break in New Orleans or Mississippi.

Student government raised \$2,320.25 for the Salvation Army during the football game on Saturday, Sept. 3, according to VaShawn Smith. They plan on having more Salvation Army buckets on the plaza in front of the student center from Sept. 19-25.

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"In small print it says you have to fill out a credit card application, but they tell you don't have to activate it. But it still goes on your credit report and gives you bad credit," Werkmeister said.

Solicitation is illegal at UNO, and anyone who buys from solicitors run the risk of being scammed. These companies could leave you empty handed, meaning, down 30 bucks

with zero magazines, and perhaps even steal your identity, according to Kosel.

Repeat offenders could be arrested.

Last year one of these solicitors tried to force their selves into a dorm on campus, Kosel said.

Students should notify Campus Security at 554-2648 with a description and location of the solicitor if approached.

UNO, Norwegian college classes connect students over the Internet

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STAFF WRITER

Graduate students at UNO and Norway's Agder University College have been given an opportunity that will allow for different students from around the world to communicate over the Internet for a fall course.

Both colleges can now ask questions, discuss, and learn from students with different viewpoints and locations.

The two universities originally exchanged two public administration faculty members for a rigorous week of teaching that will continue online in the form of discussion groups. The idea was to increase the dynamics of the course, expand student horizons and open up international opportunities.

There are eight students in the Norway class, but only two of them are actually Norwegian. The other six are from countries around the world including Ethiopia, Tanzania, Indonesia, Hungary and Germany.

The six to seven hour time shift between countries is helpful for the students' discussion groups. Students can post messages and then come back later to find the response. All of the class work and discussions between the students at Agder and UNO are done in English.

"It enriches the learning experience and students can gain geographical, cultural, social and economical knowledge" said Alice Schumaker, associate professor at the UNO School of Public Administration. "It's individual meets individual and that is what makes the difference."

Schumaker was handed this task

following her returned to UNO from Agder's campus in Kristiansand. She went to meet and teach eight students and got them comfortable with online forums and Blackboard. The class covers strategic planning and management in the public and non-profit sectors.

"The online class takes a lot of time and energy because it is 24/7. It is much more demanding but the quality is at a new level for these students" said Schumaker.

Helge Hernes, an associate professor in the Agder University College School of Management, said "It's been a good experience, though. The students have been very receptive and friendly."

Hernes is teaching empowerment, self-management and alternative approaches to leadership for this unusual exchange program.

He visited UNO last semester to teach eight students. Those students will now be working online with 20 of Schumaker's UNO students for the class.

The idea for the student exchange program came about when UNO professor Garry Marshal met and taught with Hernes. They decided to create an international experiment over the two campuses for students. Soon after, Schumaker was asked to step in and maintain the project in Marshal's absence.

"American students are going to gain the most because they must learn different terms or expressions. European students will bring in different issues, like the European Union, to the table," Schumaker said. "Many students are curious about Americans because they view us as an important world player and they bring up their biases but find US students can be very nice, open and see similarities on issues."

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Girls dancing on top of the bar is one of the many attractions at Bar 415.

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Rise of the “Ultra Lounge” expands Omaha bar scene

BRENT CRAMPTON
STAFF WRITER

If the new expanding market for posh bars, crowded clubs and high-fi ultra lounges is any sign of progression, Omaha is well on its conservatively-constrained way.

From the contemporary, less-is-more design of 1507 Ultra Lounge (1507 Farnam St.) to the 1960s British-themed vodka bar, Shag (707 N. 114th St.), socialites are going for a new interior to surround them

as they sip seductive cocktails. It's what Shag's owner, Terry O'Halloran, calls the “Red Bull phenomenon.”

“Five years ago, people were worrying about getting dollar-beers, and now people are paying \$6 for Red Bull and vodkas,” O'Halloran says. “The perception of what a drink costs has altered.” And when it comes to prices for drinks, O'Halloran knows the business all too well. He's owned a club in Las Vegas, currently runs Murphy's Lounge at 4727 S. 96th St., and has operated seven other concept bars in Omaha over the years. Shag is a collection of ideas that have coalesced from his travels, O'Halloran said. From visiting various resort towns around the world, O'Halloran always goes out of his way to catch a

glimpse of the newest gimmicks. “I think we are probably a little behind in the trend,” O'Halloran says of the new market of bars in Omaha compared to other

415, The Max, Cigarros, M's Pub and maybe a few other obscure places), one can see that the market is growing fast. Kelly Klien, the Omahanightlife.



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The interior design of club Nico is one reason why bargoers pay top dollar for its drinks.

cities. But since people “have more money than time, people are willing to spend more money when they go out,” he said. And while the fuel to keep our cars chugging along has gone up with many complaints, the elixirs to keep our bodies grooving along graciously hasn't failed to do the same. Prestige Lounge, Red Lounge, The Reel Martini Bar; all of these places take on a higher-end drink menu with an emphasis on martinis, wine and cocktails.

Having mostly opened up within the past three or four years, it's obvious that the spirit market is changing and expanding. When one considers the amount of upscale bars that were around before the new wave of establishments (Bar

com owner, likes to frequent Club Nico on Saturdays because it's “the hottest spot on any given Saturday night.”

“The Omaha bar scene is so much better than it once was,” Klein said. “There are more bars and more variety to chose from.” And the flush fuel for this new market is of course a new demographic. With a newfound demographic, Klein contemplated if the expanding market would be supported by Omaha's population.

“The market is expanding at a considerable rate, however, so is the demographic

Costing anywhere between \$6 and \$8 for a Grey Goose on the rocks or a martini, spending more money is exactly what people are doing when going out. Omaha's hipsters can chose plenty of places to go these days for a unique and pocket-draining experience. Here is the list to live by.

Club Nico - 11355 William Plaza

Nico, which is akin to a Miami-style club, features large dance floors, multiple bars and a high-end lighting and sound system. Saturday nights are their money-maker, and if you crave high energy and a packed club, this is your top choice. The décor is brilliant. The music choice on the weekends is a bit typical. The gum stuck to the carpet: plentiful.

Red Lounge - 14450 Eagle Run Dr.

Red Lounge took the concept of a sports bar, added a martini and flat screen TVs and began marketing it to a higher end clientele. With a narrow and long floor-space, this cosmopolitan west-O location fills up fast on the weekends. Watch out though, mixing alcohol and televised kickboxing can tend to raise the level of tempered testosterone.

Stir - One Harrahs Blvd., Council Bluffs

The casinos across the river in Iowa are getting in on the action with Harrah's swanky-looking Stir. Upbeat cover bands and push-button DJs with an extensive dress code with no ode to unconventional fashion (you should seriously check out their Web site, www.harrahs.com, if you want to pass the door test) stirringly characterize this club.

Bada Bing Ultra Lounge - 144 W. Broadway St. (Council Bluffs)

A stone's throw away on Broadway St. is a mafia style martini spot known as Bada Bing. Going off of a club in Las Vegas known as Tabu Ultra Lounge, Bada Bing added concrete blocks with images projected down onto them that act as a table

for drinks or a dance floor. A new look from the old Bada Bing, but let's face it—it's still located in Council Bluffs.

Naughty Lounge - 10730 Pacific St.

Newly remodeled with VIP seating, a large wood dance floor and DJs three nights a week, Naughty is large and was once in charge. You might find it hard to locate the venue tucked within the shopping mall, but multiple rooms and a swift look await you.

Velvet Lounge - 7653 Cass St.

Velvet Lounge offers a quiet, intimate and sink-seating feel. Fine art on the walls and a pool table with free balls, you'll find a concoction to fill your tall and slender glass-ware at Omaha's original Martini bar. They say they specialize in mojito's, but any mojito that uses flavored liquor isn't being specialized.

Prestige Lounge - 15244 West Maple Rd.

Prestige targets the 30-something sophisticates who just want a familiar playing field when socializing. With an emphasis on live acoustic acts, their tenacious taco Tuesday specials shouldn't be overlooked.

Bar 415 - 415 S. 13th St.

The once obscure and tucked away bohemian hide-out that perhaps started it all is still carving a niche into Omaha's nightlife. Having switched formats from intimate and innate jazz bar to boisterous and bustling nightclub (minus the club) with a pseudo dance floor.

Buddha's Lounge -180th and Pacific

Way out west and no way to out-class, this lounge gives the West Omaha crowd a variety of jazz and acoustic acts to counter the DJ nightlife.

Shag - 707 N. 114th St.

The newest addition to the roster, Shag has an extensive vodka selection. Pool tables, VIP-bed-seating and live shadow dancers are all draped within a 1960s British theme.

that patronizes these establishments,” says Klein. “With Omaha becoming less conservative, the acceptance of going out for drinks on any given night has become acceptable behavior, so I believe there is equal growth.”

Tech-savvy cell phones to fit the college student's tight budget

COMMENTARY BY SANEL SELIMOVIC
STAFF WRITER

A new school year has begun and hopefully everyone has managed to buy books at the UNO Bookstore prices. Some new clothes were in order as well, and some school supplies. Yet one thing that has become a social status and a fashion emblem of the 21st century has not been updated in a while.

It's your monochromatic Nokia cell phone featuring detachable faceplates that come in all seven rainbow colors.

A more modern phone, however, features hundreds of thousands of display colors, as well as all the "glitter" faceplates available at the mall.

There are wide selections, and features to match. Buying a phone that can take 1-megapixel photos, play music, movies, or take a 30-second spycam clip that can later be sold on the Internet for a significant sum of money (check local laws), is actually feasible for students.

In a world of telecommunications, there are good phones and bad phones. The bad ones are like Spam; cheap and easy to manufacture for mass market, often free after rebate and highly not recommended.

A good phone will last far longer than a two-year contract, and will come with technology and features that will actually make your cell phone a part of your daily life rather than pocket nuisance. What makes one cell phone better than the other?

A brand can be used as an indicator of quality due to a name brand backing from the manufacturer. However, it mostly comes down to software that is smart enough to take full advantage of every piece of hardware that is available.

The two largest carriers in the U.S., Cingular and Verizon, offer the best phones and best service on the market, according to various consumer reports. Each company

offers its own flagship cell phone.

For Cingular Wireless, that would be the Nokia 6620. This neat little phone is \$199 with contract and it is the best phone available through Cingular. The Nokia 6620 has a built-in Bluetooth connector that will let you use a compatible hands-free headset from 50 feet away to talk to anyone on your phone. It also allows the cell phone to connect to your PC and download applications such as AOL Instant Messenger, Yahoo, as well as MSN.

Using instant messaging on a cell phone is not easy unless the phone features a QWERTY keyboard that slides out. However, on those few occasions where emergency contact is needed, it can be very helpful.

The phone features a camera that takes pictures at a 640x480 resolution, which is slightly smaller than one megapixel. The phone can stream videos off the Internet, which is a nice feature that will be standard in upcoming phones as all companies are rushing to upgrade their towers to support it.

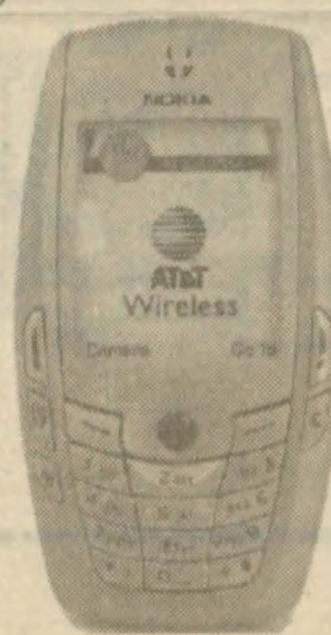
TV shows such as "24" and some soap operas are already being streamed via cell phones to wireless users in large metropolitan areas such as San Francisco.

These aren't full-length shows, but one-minute special cell phone broadcast. The Nokia 6620 is not a flip phone, which may be a turnoff to some because screens are susceptible to scratches and cracks, so pairing a \$200 phone and your keys in a pocket would not be the best idea. Fans of flip phones may want to look into the Motorola Razr 3, which is quite comparable and runs at only \$99 with contract and rebates.

Besides T-Mobile, Cingular is the only U.S. carrier that uses the GSM standard, which means that all their phones work anywhere outside of the US. Another thing



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Nokia 6620

Gays getting married makes sense

How Typical



Michael McManus

Growing up as a child I always envisioned what my future might hold. What kind of job I would have? How much money would I be making? And most importantly, who would I marry? I mean, it seems like the natural thing to do.

You grow up, fall in love and get married, right? If only it were that simple. Ask anyone on the street how they feel about gay rights. Most of them will say that they believe that homosexuals should get the same privileges as any other American citizen. Now ask them how they feel about gay marriage. Most of their opinions will change.

More than half of all people in the United States oppose gay marriage, even though three fourths are otherwise supportive of gay rights. Doesn't make sense, does it? They believe that I should be able to get any job I want, live anywhere I please, get access to government benefits...but, be restricted from marrying the one I love.

It seems as if many people continue to believe that homosexuality is nothing more than sex, considering it a sexual perversion. The reality is that homosexual relationships are real. They are based on love, affection, and attraction just like any other healthy relationship. Sex, in any committed relationship, is simply a way of expressing that love, just the same as it is for heterosexuals.

There are many arguments surrounding gay marriage, nearly all of them erupting due to religious beliefs and teachings. The following are the ones that I heard while in more than five months of counseling.

Marriage is an institution between one man

and one woman. This is by far the most commonly used phrase against homosexual marriage. My question is this: who made up this rule? America is constantly trying to show its people the importance of civil rights and acceptance. Why was an important minority left out of this phrase?

Same-sex couples don't develop the optimum environment in which to

raise children—that's an interesting one, in light of who society does allow to get married and bring children into their marriage. Child

molesters, thieves and rapists can all marry freely and procreate with whomever they would like, but not me.

Psychologists say that it's simply the love and affection that a parent gives a child, not their gender.

Another argument is that **marriage is for procreation.** This one floors me every time I hear it, yet it seems to be one that comes up ever so often. It's 2005! Using

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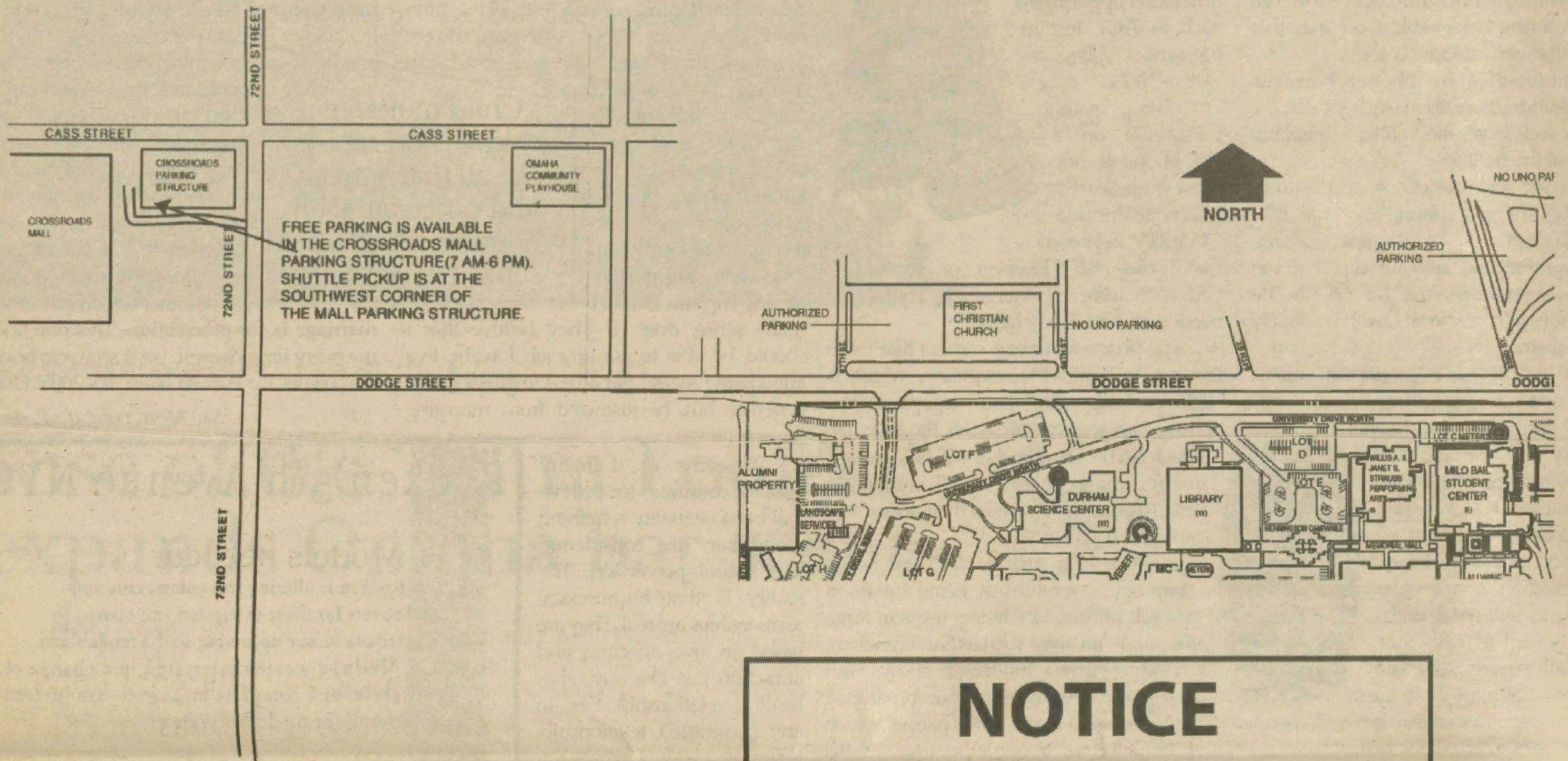
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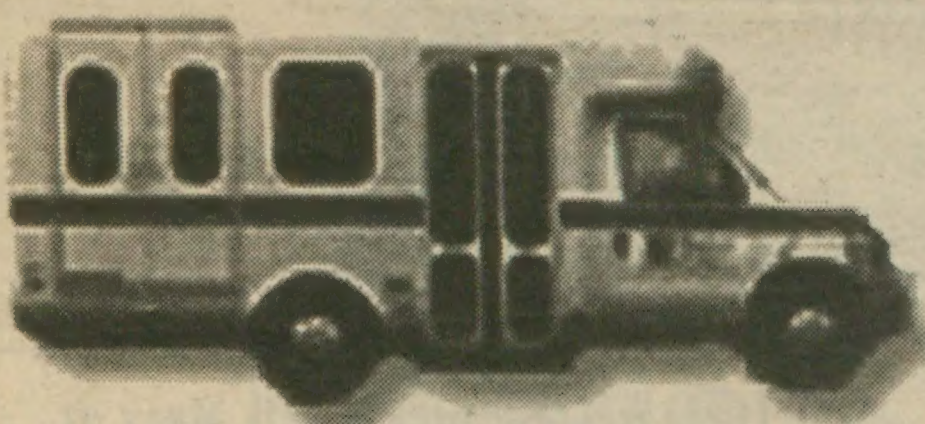
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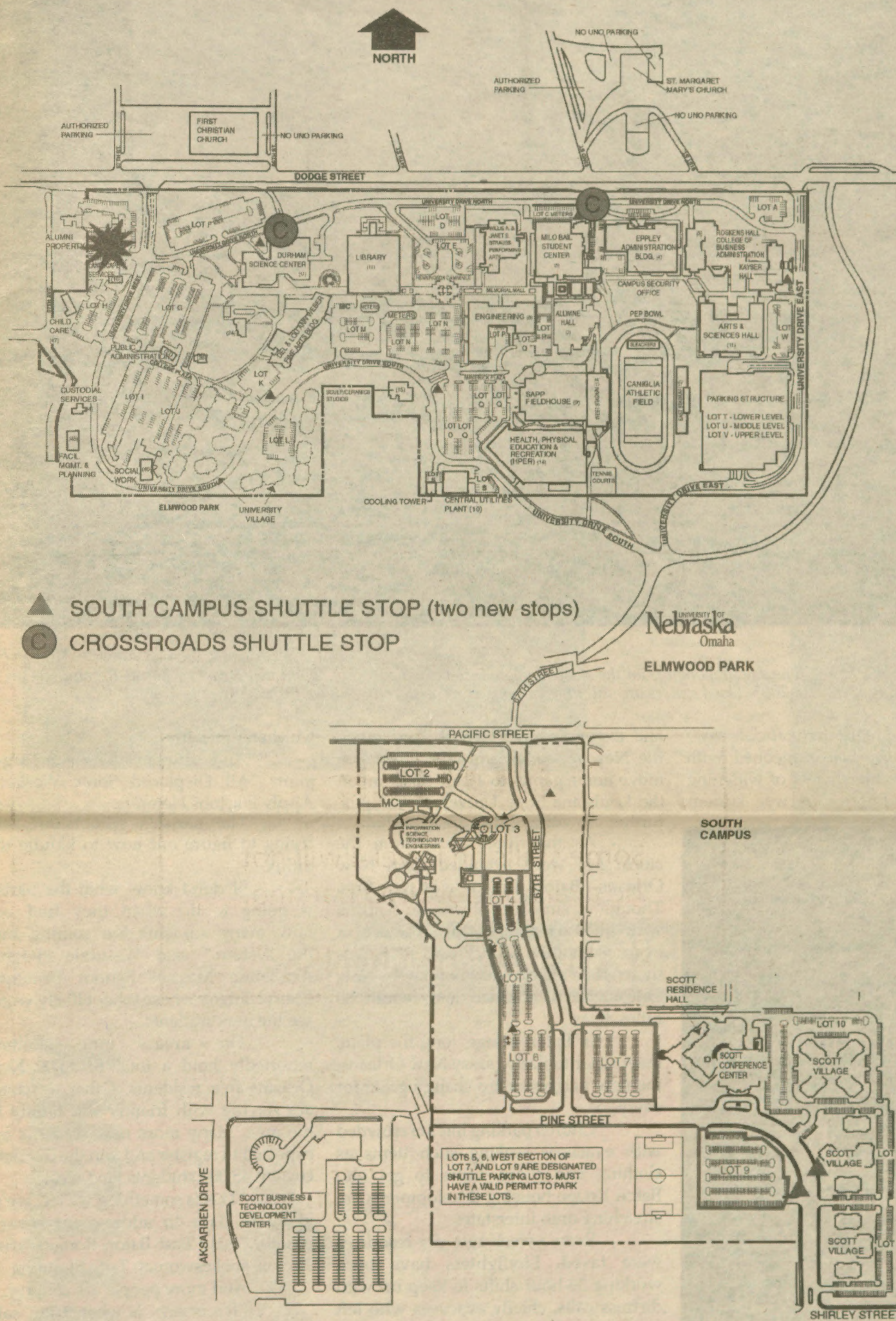
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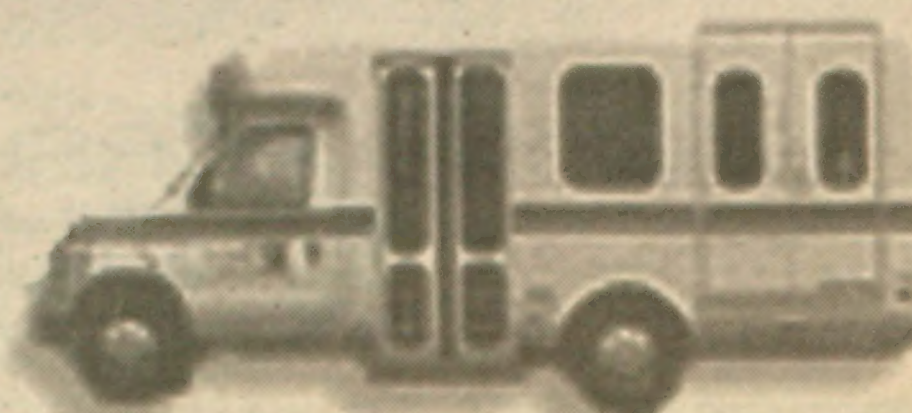


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Big squeeze on Big Easy's quiet sister

JAMES JANEGA
CHICAGO TRIBUNE
(KRT)

BATON ROUGE, La.--In the past week, this city has become Louisiana's largest.

Displaced residents of New Orleans have bought homes in the state capital sight unseen. They've filled every vacant apartment, inundated the schools, backed up traffic.

As New Orleans' people have fled Hurricane Katrina's mess, Baton Rouge's population has increased to more than 750,000 from 418,000.

Precisely how that will change life in Baton Rouge is unclear. But a sign of what's ahead awaited real estate agents here this week.

There were 3,600 homes for sale in Baton Rouge last week. Five hundred are left.

"It's incredible," said Butch Strother, director of operations for RE/MAX First, one of the bigger real estate firms in Baton Rouge. He had 25 mortgage applications on his desk on Tuesday. His office has sold a month's worth of homes in a week. "Everything we had (for rent) was gone by noon last Wednesday. We didn't even have power on Wednesday. We had no lights, weren't even open, and we had 75 people waiting in line. It was depressing."

Even as they try to find homes for the newly arrived, city officials are looking for a way to shoehorn New Orleans children into Baton Rouge's classrooms. In the last few days, 2,000 new students, most of them displaced by



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NEW ORLEANS, La.--A lone dog finds refuge on the stoop of a low-income home west of downtown New Orleans as the sun sets on Saturday evening, Sept. 10, 2005. Flood waters are still high in some areas as the city of New Orleans tries to dry out.

the storm, have registered, officials say.

As traffic has burgeoned with the population, there's talk of widening streets, upgrading the sewer system

and expanding the airport. And given the New Orleans Saints' preference to move home games to Tigers Stadium on the Louisiana State University campus, further crowding issues are expected.

As the ripple effect from the storm last week extended from New Orleans, Baton Rouge was hit first. Though it survived Hurricane Katrina with little damage, it saw a wave of evacuees hoping to kick-start new lives there while waiting and hoping for New Orleans to be drained and rebuilt 80 miles away.

In Baton Rouge, long the plain, quiet sister to flashy, sassy New Orleans, the new neighbors are changing life for everyone.

Church parking lots are crowded with evacuees seeking such items as clothing and shoes. Lines to get into Baton Rouge housing developments are stretching onto interstates.

Even a week ago, city resources were taxed. Firefighters have been working 36-hour shifts to keep up with distress calls, chiefly evacuees who left medicine behind in New Orleans. The number of police officers on the street has doubled.

The cost for the storm aftermath and strain on infrastructure will reach hundreds of millions of dollars easily, city officials say.

"Temporary new residents" may be just that for two or three years, or forever, according to what real estate agents and evacuees said this week.

But far from crowding out Baton Rouge residents, displaced workers from New Orleans are being welcomed, said job placement professional Bart Lofton of Lofton Staffing Services in Baton Rouge.

"The demand right now is through the roof with everything going on," he said, singling out security and construction work as examples. "It's hard to find people to fill the jobs."

In nearby Walker, La., positions were being advertised on fast food marquees.

"Now Hiring For Nights and Days, God Bless You All," Popeye's

Chicken proclaimed.

And at the nearby Sonic burger joint: "All Displaced Sonic Workers, Apply For Jobs Here."

The parish's schools are still trying to figure out how to handle the influx.

"I don't know what the parish is going to do when they find out how many students are coming into the system," said Westdale Heights Academic Magnet School principal Cheryl Singer, whose school likely won't see the new students.

The area's nine shelters reportedly hold a total of 7,000 New Orleans-area residents. Other evacuees are staying with friends and family in the area. Many more new students are expected to register and join the district's current 45,000 students next week.

"This is something we feel we're going to have to address for several months," said East Baton Rouge Parish schools spokeswoman Taifa St. Julien.

And more people are coming.

"It's insane, is what it is," said Mike Carroll, who lists Baton Rouge rental apartments and homes for owners without real estate agents.

One of the owners he represents changed the listing for a \$200,000 home to \$400,000, he said. The median home price in Baton Rouge is \$150,000.

A couple represented by agent Carol Cotton was flooded out of their home in New Orleans and then went on a weeklong odyssey through Jackson, Memphis and Birmingham before arriving in Baton Rouge.

They promised to buy a \$214,900 house, three bedrooms, two baths, in Walker, La., sight unseen.

The buyers, who declined to give their names, saw the three-year-old home for the first time late Tuesday morning, sighing in relief at the 12-foot ceilings, spacious kitchen, hardy siding and central air.

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Helping the victims



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In addition to food and water, volunteers and workers at UNO collected monetary donations for victims of the hurricane.



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NEW ORLEANS, La.--National Guardsmen from N. Texas search for survivors of Hurricane Katrina in a tree and telephone pole strewn street west of downtown New Orleans on Saturday evening, Sept. 10, 2005. The platoon offered food, water and shelter for those who wanted it.



photo by Caelan Millerd

Workers and volunteers wait patiently for community members to fill boxes outside the UNO student center to take to hurricane victims in Mississippi.

HAMMOND, La. -- Members of Company C, 1st Battalion of the 111th Infantry National Guard unit of Pennsylvania, eat a quick breakfast in Hammond, Louisiana, before moving to a distribution site in Covington to give ice, food and water to local residents affected by Hurricane Katrina's devastation, on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005.



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MavRadio plays its part in the relief effort

MIKE McMANUS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Perhaps the old saying "music makes the world go round" has more meaning than we once thought.

Music has brought people together throughout history. It breaks through language barriers, warms people's hearts, and soothes those that are broken.

With the recent disasters that have plagued the U.S. in the last couple of years, it is apparent that music is something that accomplishes a lot when the government and others can do very little.

Hurricane Katrina has definitely proven the fact that as American citizens, we need to step forward and do everything we can to assist those who are suffering.

MavRadio, UNO's local radio station, is doing its part to assist those in need with their upcoming concert, Mavstock.

The concert, originally planned as a fund-raising event for the radio station, has been willingly changed into a concert benefiting the American Red Cross. Half of the proceeds from the concert will be donated to help those who are suffering due to this tragic disaster.

For Josh Shipman, the station manager of MavRadio, this disaster hits close to home. "I'm unfortunately personally affected. I have family in the New Orleans area, some I haven't even heard from."

Josh isn't the only one. Numerous

students and families around the UNO area have become affected by this tragic event. MavRadio is hoping that the money raised from Mavstock will help bring aide to those suffering and relief to those who are in pain.

Mavstock will bring together six of Omaha's hottest local bands for a night filled with hard-core rock, emo, and most importantly, local music.

It will be held on Sept. 17 in the Milo Bail Student Center. Playing at the event will be the Venaculas, Smilin Liar, Emphatic, Endeavor, Liquid Static, and Dielated.

The basics:

What: Mavstock, benefiting MavRadio and the victims of Hurricane Katrina

Where: The Nebraska Room, Aksarben Room, and Ballroom on the second floor of the Milo Bail Student Center

When: Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. with Liquid Static starting at 3 p.m. The concert is expected to go until 10:30-11 p.m. with Venaculas taking stage last.

Who: Open to the public

Cost: \$5 at the door. Optional \$2 raffle which gets you discounts on pop and water and entry into a drawing for a guitar signed by the members of all 6 bands, as well as signed CD's and t-shirts and MavRadio t-shirts.

For more information on Mavstock visit the MavRadio Web site at www.mavradio.org.

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The MavRadio Pick of the Week

CHARLEY REED
MAVRADIO STAFF

What if a band found the perfect balance between a hardcore punk rock sound like Sponge, a blaring techno group with eerie female vocals like Lords of Acid, and a drum-based metal group like Orgy or Rammstein? The question has probably never entered the minds of many music-lovers, but after listening to KMFDM's newest project, *Hau Ruck*, the reality of just such a super-group sound makes you wonder why no one had ever thought of doing it before.

KMFDM takes its name from a German phrase, "Kein Mehrheit für die Mitleid," which translates as "No pity for the majority." However, there is still some dispute over exactly what the name KMFDM stands for, even amongst the band members.

The group formed in 1984 in Paris, France, but did not gain national or world-wide recognition until the late 80's and early 90's.

Now, in 2005, on Sept. 13, more than 20 years after their original incarnation, the group has come up with one of their most accomplished records to date.

Originally, *Hau Ruck*, which means "Heave Ho" in German, was going to be entitled F.U.B.A.R., but band's original founder, Sascha Konietzko, decided on the change when he saw how well the release was coming together. Indeed, the album starts off with a gritty song called "Free Your Hate," which is most likely going to be the first radio single. But there is

little drop off with the title track, "Hau Ruck," which is a techno-style beat with rhythmical drumbeats. This is also true with "You're No Good," a song that features the band's sultry female vocalist, Lucia Cifarelli, who also happens to be Konietzko's fiancé.

The other tracks of mention on the band's 16th release include what will most likely be the second single, "Real Thing," and the obviously Rammstein-influenced ending track "Auf Wiederseh'n."

Overall, KMFDM's latest project is, if anything, diverse, and according to Konietzko, that was by design.

While the album might not exactly flow together from track to track, a good majority of the songs on the album are worth repeated listens. You do not have to enjoy Garbage, Lords of Acid, Collective Soul, Rammstein, or Eisbrecher to enjoy this album, but it certainly helps.

For those that enjoy variety, can appreciate a group that has been around as long as KMFDM has and you can sit through a little experimentation, you will find yourself enjoying this album and listening to it over and over and over again.

KMFDM
Hau Ruck
Metropolis Records
Release Date: Sept. 13, 2005

Key Tracks: "Free Your Hate," "Hau Ruck," "You're No Good," "Real Thing," "Auf Wiederseh'n"

Hip-Hop Notes

JULIAN IVEY
STAFF WRITER

I just wanted to take a moment to welcome any new hip-hop heads to the O-N-E and our lovely university. I also encourage you all to take a moment to greet our displaced friends from down south.

Yes!

Warning: This edition includes powerful knowledge that may be dangerous if not used appropriately. I'm going to focus on hip-hop culture in this edition but I'll give you a little music news too.

Yes!

Lately everything has revolved around the destruction in and around New Orleans, for good reason. The hip-hop world is no different. It's not everyday you see an entire city almost die. Things like that bring out the emotional side in all of us.

Hip-Hop entrepreneurs were the first to step up with Diddy and Jay-Z donating \$1 million dollars before celebrities like Celine Dion, George Clooney and Deion Sanders decided to join in.

One of the most talked about situations is Kanye West's comments. I personally appreciate what he said because someone needed to. Only a few politicians spoke out about the slow response before West spoke out, and then every democrat followed suit.

It's tough being the president. I think it's similar to being a quarterback on a football team. When things go great you get all the credit but when things go wrong you get criticized. That's just the way it is.

It's hard for most people to understand why West would say these things because of the phenomenon of "white privilege." It's something most of us don't understand and because the *Gateway* is a school newspaper I might as well educate you a little every once in a while.

Here's an excerpt from an article written by Dr. Robert Jensen, an associate professor of communication at the University of Texas at Austin, which first appeared in the Baltimore Sun in 1998:

"I am sitting in my University of Texas office, talking to a very bright and very conservative white student about affirmative action in college admissions, which he opposes and I support. The student says he wants a level playing field with no unearned advantages for anyone. I ask him whether he thinks that in the United

States being white has advantages.

'Have either of us,' I ask, ever benefited from being white in a world run mostly by white people?' 'Yes,' he concedes, 'there is something real and tangible we could call white privilege.'

'So, if we live in a world of white privilege—unearned white privilege—how does that affect your notion of a level playing field?' I ask.

He paused for a moment and said, 'That really doesn't matter.'

That statement, I suggested to him, reveals the ultimate white privilege: the privilege to acknowledge that you have unearned privilege but ignore what it means.

White privilege, like any social phenomenon, is complex. In [our] culture, all white people have privilege."

I hope that helps you understand this concept better. I'm sure it will help you in your interactions with people from different demographic backgrounds no matter what your orientation is.

Whether you agree with West's actions you at least have to respect his fortitude in this cookie cutter, groupthink-based society we live in.

Yes!

Mr. West also debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts this week. He almost went platinum in his first week. It's a solid album. *Late Registration* is much better than *College Dropout*, just ask our friends from the Gulf Coast Region.

G-Unit soldier, Tony Yayo, sold about 215,000 copies and he debuted in the No. 2 slot. *Thoughts of a Predicate Felon* is all right so far, I just haven't listened to it that much yet. *The Game* was running a campaign to outsell Yayo by asking loyal fans to go out and buy another copy of *The Documentary* but it didn't work.

The Black Eyed Peas, who I really don't like that much, are in the No. 6 spot. One of the hottest artists these days is *Young Jeezy* and he just went Gold. Jeezy's *Let's Get It: Thug Motivation 101* has out-sold *Missy's Cookbook*.

Some new albums you may want to check out are: Paul Wall (baby!), Little Brother, and 50 Cent's Special Edition CD/DVD. On that note I'm out and remember Clickity Clank, Clickity Clank, give some spare change to the Red Cross, Thanks!

Yes!



Sony Pictures

Jennifer Carpenter stars in this horror film with a courtroom drama feel.

The Exorcism of Emily Rose: good story, bad everything else

BRIAN CASE
STAFF WRITER

I've never believed in the boogeyman. To me, ghosts and spirits are trivial things that appear on your front doorstep on Halloween. I give them a piece of candy and they leave.

The Exorcism of Emily Rose is a good example of why Hollywood and religion are like oil and water. In order for this movie to work, the audience and the movie have to meet halfway in their beliefs. Like *Indiana Jones in The Last Crusade*, not all of us are willing to make that walk of faith.

The Exorcism of Emily Rose is a movie based on a true story about a girl who becomes possessed while sleeping in her dorm room.

No, I'm not making that up; apparently demons are college students just like you. She goes into convulsions and dramatic screaming sequences throughout the night, battling the forces of good and evil.

Emily (Jennifer Carpenter), sees her classmates' faces change into sinister apparitions of demons while she is in class. Some college students would pay good money to go through a mind-trip like that. Emily goes back home for her exorcism and eventually dies under the care of a priest.

Father Richard Moore (Tom Wilkinson) is accused of negligent homicide after Emily dies while under his supervision. He is represented by attorney Erin Bruner (Laura Linney). The progression of the movie is based on the unraveling of facts by Erin.

Erin is the most prominent character in the movie. She is battling for a senior position in her law firm. A good portion of her time in this movie is spent in a bar, slamming down white-collar martinis. She also makes numerous visits to the prison where Father Richard is held. Action in the movie is abruptly halted at

these times as legal strategy is discussed. I tried to pay attention to what Erin was saying but my yawns drowned everything out.

Time also plays a vital role in this movie. Three a.m. is the time when characters are visited by the demons. Jesus Christ reportedly died on the cross at 3 p.m. so demons designate 3 a.m. as a time of activity to mock his crucifixion. The band Matchbox Twenty had a hit song in the mid-90's called "3 a.m." which led me to believe that the ghosts listen to this song on their iPod before the possession. Predictability gives the audience a chance to brace themselves at specific times.

This movie really isn't about an exorcism. Set-up more like an episode from "Law and Order: SVU," the audience is unmercifully dragged through enough legal proceedings to be qualified to take the Bar exam. At times this movie is set-up like Court TV, where we hear lawyers make arguments for and against Father Richard.

The supernatural part of this movie is all a flashback. Every scary scene starts with "I remember when Emily..." It would have been nice to experience these scenes with the characters instead of watching a memory.

Director Scott Derrickson also chose to keep this movie at a PG-13 rating. Mild violence and tame language give the movie a watered down taste. Minor cuts and scratches don't frighten me as much as blood and guts catastrophes would. No one in this movie uses bad language, not even after being scared to death by the devil himself. That is just not how people talk in real life.

This movie doesn't compare to its unofficial predecessor *The Exorcist*. Too much talking and not enough action.

Skip this movie and save yourself an \$8 dollar nap.

Rating: C



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Behrns hopes week off will help improve team in critical areas

CHRIS HARRINGTON
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Bye-weeks can be an advantage or a disadvantage for a highly-ranked football team. It could come along following a team's win over a big-time opponent, which would be a momentum builder for the team's next game, or it could come after a team's upset loss to an underdog, which could leave a team with several unanswered questions.

However, after UNO's 28-21 scare against Central Washington, coach Pat Behrns feels the Maverick's bye-week couldn't have come at a better time for his team at this point in the season.

"Ordinarily you probably get mixed feelings about having the week off," Behrns said. "But this one came at a good time for our team, because we need to sit back and reevaluate our focus on what we want to do and this will give us a chance to do that without the day-to-day grind of getting ready to play somebody."

The fifth-ranked Mavericks have not had a week off between opponents during the regular season since 2001, when the team was coming off a win over Minnesota State-Mankato and beat North Dakota on the road two weeks later. The Mavericks are currently 3-0 on the season after the win over the Wildcats and are off to the teams' best start since 2001. But Behrns feels his team has several question marks that need to be answered in time before the Mavericks open up conference play on the road at South Dakota.

"We need to work on everything," he said. "We've got to drive on the ball better on defense, put more pressure on the quarterback, tackle better and most importantly, we had too many negative yardage plays offensively in Saturday's game because we didn't do a very good job at controlling the line of scrimmage, which is unusual for our team."

Unlike UNO's first two games, the Mavericks struggled offensively in the first half against Central Washington, scoring the team's first two touchdowns in the second quarter. Injuries that kept

key starters sidelined such as wide receiver Chris Denney and running back Jamar Day, forced UNO offensive coordinator Lance Leipold to shuffle the lineup. Kyle Kasperbauer and Nate Wurth replaced Day at the tailback position and Austin Parks and Zac Herold stepped in as receiver to fill Denney's absence. UNO still racked up 425 yards of total offense and averaged 6.2 yards per play in Saturday's victory. UNO's ground game never slowed as Wurth rushed for a career-high, 132 yards and averaged 7.1 yards per carry on 18 attempts.

"I've been here for three years, but this was my first year actually playing running back," Wurth said. It has been a long time coming, but I was able to get some carries this game, in which I got over 100 yards and it feels good."

Herold caught five passes for 97 yards, with a touchdown and Parks had the game-winning touchdown reception with six seconds left to play in the fourth quarter.

"I knew we were going to take one chance in the end zone to try and win the game and Brian told me he was throwing my way," Parks said. "I was thinking the whole time that we weren't going to go into overtime with this team, we were going to end the game right at that point, which was exactly what I did when I caught that pass."

Senior quarterback Brian Masek was forced to scramble several times and rushed for 61 yards and he also became the Maverick's all-time leading passer after he threw for 215 yards and three touchdowns, but was picked off twice, which equaled the total number of interceptions he threw in UNO's first two games combined.

The Maverick pass defense was the biggest disappointment in Saturday's game. First-year defensive coordinator Brad McCaslin had his defense ready for the run, in which it only allowed 58 rushing yards, but gave up 305 yards through the air. Central Washington's receivers



photo by Chris Machian
UNO's Zac Herold celebrates scoring UNO's second touchdown of the game against Central Washington Saturday afternoon.

Brian Potucek and Nate Brookreson combined for 23 catches, 287 yards, with two touchdowns and the Wildcats dominated the Mavericks in time of

and communicating on the field like we should have and their quarterback handled our pressure well, which forced us to get out of our blitzing packages and we dropped seven back into coverage to protect the pass better."

Behrns stated that what a team accomplishes in practice is what they'll accomplish on the field during games and that Saturday's game against Central Washington showed that the Mavericks need to execute their plays on offense and defense harder in practice. UNO has two weeks to correct all the mistakes that the team has been currently making and have a slim amount of margin for error because South Dakota will be looking forward



photo by Chris Machian
UNO's Nate Wurth cuts past Central Washington's Adam Jackson Saturday afternoon.

possession in the second half 18:10-11:10.

"We gave up a lot of slant and out routes and missed several tackles," McCaslin said. "We were not reading

to the upset in Vermillion. The Coyotes haven't beaten the Mavericks in the past five meetings and UNO is 8-4 all-time at Vermillion, including a three-game winning streak at the Dakota Dome.

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UNO volleyball slams competition at regional 16-team tournament

NATHAN LEETE
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The UNO volleyball team was one of three teams in the 16-team tournament to finish all three of their matches in the North Central Regional Crossover last weekend without a dent to its record.

In the first match, UNO swept Bemidji State. In the second round, UNO shocked the tournament by upsetting Concordia-St. Paul, the No. 4 ranked team in the nation, in four sets. The Mavericks closed the tournament with another sweep, this time over Minnesota Crookston. UNO now sports a record of 7-4.

In the first match junior Christina Reicks smashed a career-high 14 kills and added seven digs and six blocks to lead the Mavs to a 30-28, 30-19, 30-25 sweep over Bemidji State. The Mavs held a .244 to .134 advantage in attack percentage, a 51 to 42 advantage in digs, and a 24-16 advantage in blocks. Ashley Freeman also posted double digit kills with 11.

In the second match UNO took on No. 4 Concordia-St. Paul. Freeman led the way with a career-high 20 kills in the 30-26, 22-30, 30-27, 31-29 upset victory. It was the Mavericks first win over a top five team since the 2000 season.

The score was tied 29-29 in the

fourth game with the Golden Bears looking to send the match into a fifth set when Freeman and Carlie Christensen posted two consecutive stuff blocks on Jessica Lucia for the win. Christensen contributed five to UNO's 19-11 advantage in blocks. Christie Johnson posted a double-double with 46 assists and a season-high 16 digs. Reicks posted another 14 kills to tie her career high against Bemidji.

In the final round UNO started off a bit slow against Minnesota-Crookston with a 34-32 first set, but put things together with 30-25 and 30-24 second and third sets for the sweep. Minnesota-Duluth and Minnesota State-Moorhead were the only other teams to finish the Crossover with perfect records.

Three Mavericks posted double-digit kills led by Reicks who posted her third 14 kill match of the tournament. Freeman added 13 kills and nine digs, while Christensen posted 13 kills and five blocks. The Mavs out hit UMC .237 to .171 and held a 50-43 advantage in blocks.

The Mavericks won't see action again until the 23rd when they travel to the University of North Dakota to open conference play.



Christina Reicks

Young players lead soccer team to first-round victory at tournament

NATHAN LEETE
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

It was a defensive battle as No. 22 UNO took on Central Missouri State on Saturday in the first round of the Truman State Tournament in Kirksville, Mo. The game was scoreless until the final 19 minutes.

UNO scored its first goal at the 71:27 mark when freshman Amanda Iwansky kicked an unassisted shot into the back of the net. CMSU returned the favor in the 84th minute against Amy Price. After the goal sophomore Ellen Petersen stepped in front of the net

for the Mavericks. At the 87:29 mark Brandie Beal took an assist from Amber Richardson and put it in for the 2-1 win.

The Mavericks put up 20 shots against the Jennies with eight shots on goal. The Jennies had two of four shots on goal. Price had one save for the Mavericks and Petersen was credited with her first career win.

The Mavericks took on Truman State at 1pm on Sunday. Look for the results in Friday's edition of The Gateway. It will be the teams 10th meeting in seven years and the Mavs lead the series 7-2.



Amanda Iwansky

Houtz leads UNO golfers to win over Missouri Western

NATHAN LEETE
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

UNO golfers took on Missouri Western last Saturday in their first dual meet of the season. Not only did they face the difficulty of a course designed by golf legend Arnold Palmer, they did it in the face of 25-mile per hour winds. Mandy Houtz's 84 lead the Mavericks to the

355-363 team win, while the Griffon's Lisa Cross took home the individual medal with an 82.

Other Mavericks scores were Lindsay Newton with an 84 and Kate O'Dea with a 90. Amanda Stock and Allyson Yung both shot a 94.

The Mavericks will be in action again Friday when they travel to Wayne, Neb. for a dual

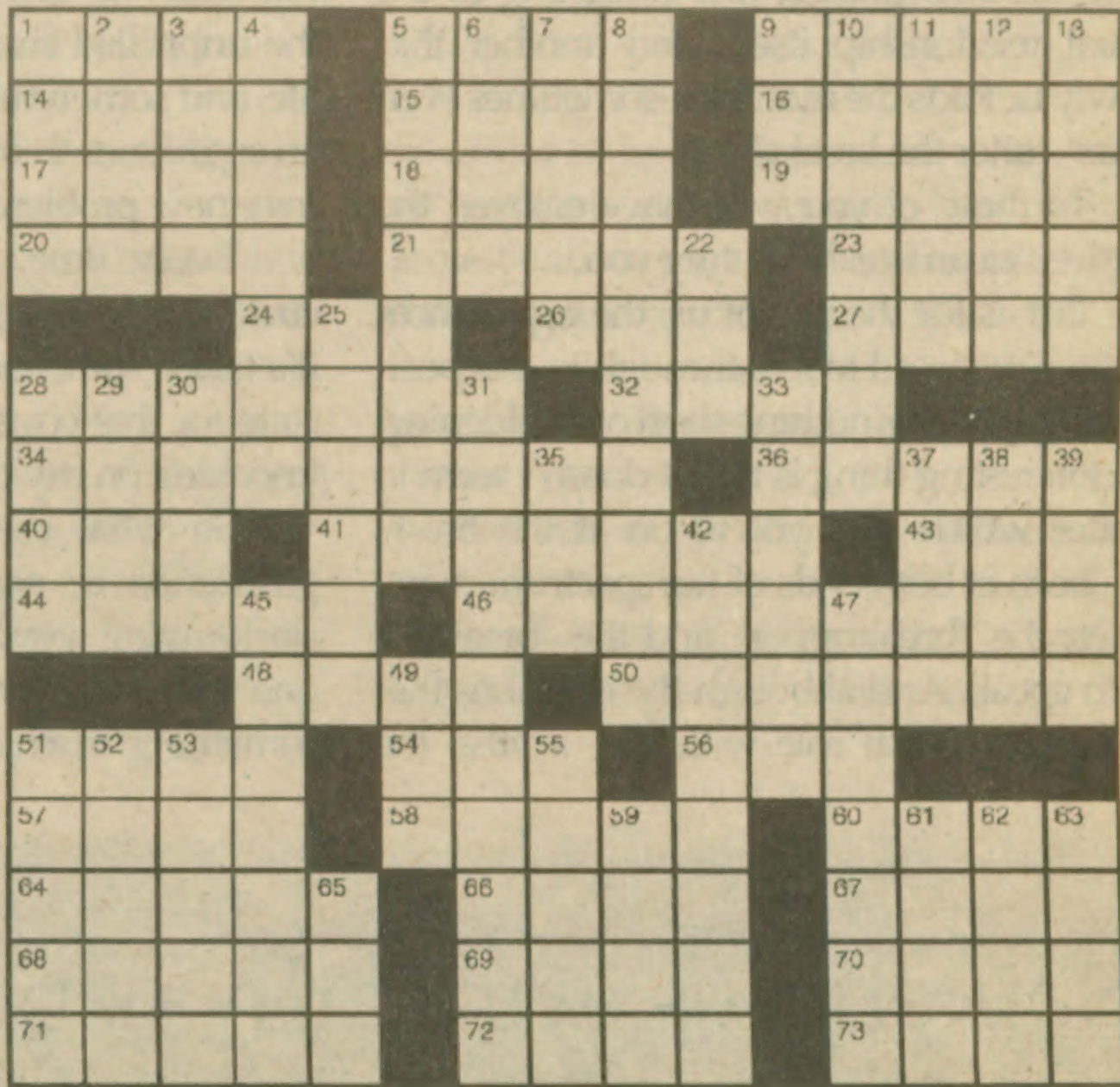


Amanda Houtz

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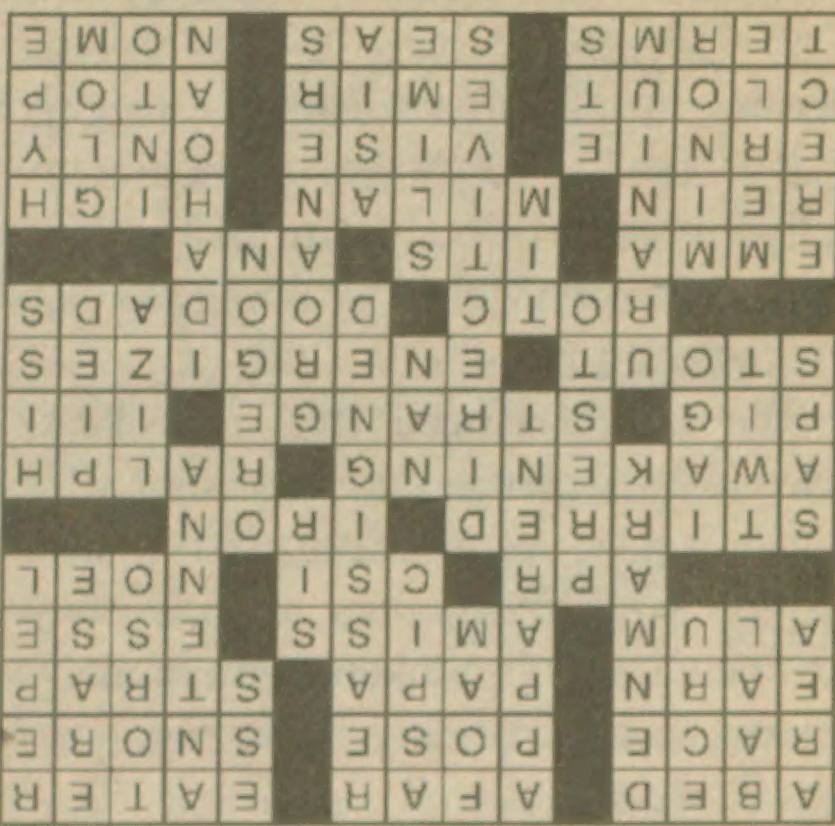
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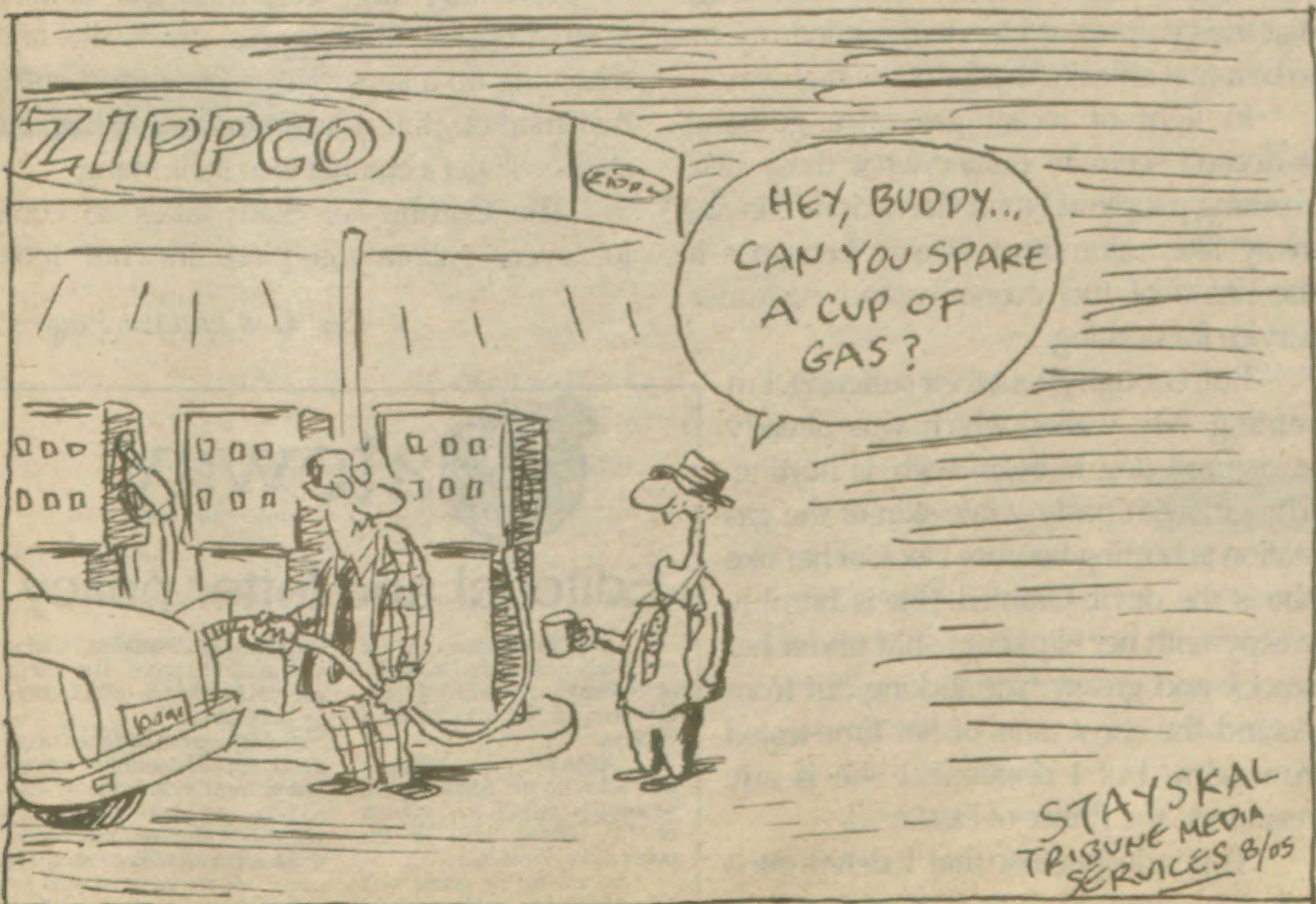
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Love is suicide: post break-up blues In Katrina's wake, the world unites

An interesting thing about love is this: if it ends, it almost always ends badly. There doesn't seem to be much of a black-and-white scenario when it comes to the end of a relationship. Things usually turn sour.

Granted, it may take awhile. Anyone who's ever been in a long-term relationship that didn't work out is most likely familiar with the post-breakup lingering of emotions. It's almost like there are two phases; one consisting of the actual relationship itself, and another that slowly unfolds the months—sometimes even years—after the breakup.

To those of you who have enjoyed the elusive "clean break," I envy you.

But as for the rest of us, the experiences that we're forced to live through in this post-breakup phase is nothing short of maddening. An interesting thing is that it doesn't seem to matter which side you're on at the finish. I've been at both ends of the spectrum many times; the "breaker" and the "brokee," so to speak. And although the emotions that accompany each role will vary a little, the

Manic Digression



Josh Bashara

one thing that remains is pain. A lot of it.

To this day, I'm still dealing with the aftershocks of a girl I left almost *two freakin' years* ago. Beginning with literally the first week after the breakup, it's been a break-neck rollercoaster of ups and downs. Sometimes we're on speaking terms. Sometimes we're not.

Sometimes she's still curious and jealous about who I'm dating, sometimes she couldn't care less. Sometimes I'm ready to OD on Xanax just because of the unbridled stress she's throwing into my life, and sometimes I can be lucky enough go an entire month or two without dealing with some new problem.

Every time, it seems like this vicious circle that you just can't break. In the past, it's taken some ex-girlfriends moving out of state for that coveted closure to finally come knocking on my door.

So what exactly is it that causes ex-girlfriends to somehow transform into a stark-raving psycho? Hell if I know. The one thing I *do* know is that there must be something in chicks' brains that just won't

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On the Saturday before the Labor Day weekend, I wrote an unpublishable article griping on how the world, to the best of my knowledge at the time, wasn't rushing with aid like the news portrayed it during the January tsunami. I had wondered where the global 1-upsmanship game was that countries were playing in aid pledges.

But when I read an article I found on CNN, I realized I had made a horrible mistake. The article showed me how dead wrong I was.

In it, I saw that countries around the world have contacted the U.S. and have pledged aid, some in the form of money, others in the form of gasoline and oil, and others still in doctors and medical supplies. And among the countries pledging aid, it brought tears to my eyes to see Iran, Cuba, and even Venezuela among those coming to our aid.

In one of our most troubling times, people from around the world are coming to help us rebuild. Countries who are politically our enemies are coming to help us, as if to say, "Our problems can wait." From the disaster of Hurricane Katrina, the world is coming together.

But there are some who are not responding well to this hurricane. Rapper Kanye West came out against President Bush during NBC's telethon to raise money for relief efforts, saying

As Far As I'm Concerned



Matthew Lytle

In an article I wrote on August 30th entitled "Excuse me, I have a few questions..." I had made a comment about the South Vietnamese army that I later found out was not accurate. At the time I wrote the article, I was misinformed and under deadline pressure. I apologize to anyone I may have offended by my grievous error.

Bush "does not care about black people." How can that be, Mr. West, when Bush has a black Secretary of Housing and Urban Development AND a black Secretary of State?

West claimed that, "If you see a black family, it (the

press) says they're looting. See a white family; it says they're looking for food." It's interesting you say that, Mr. West, because I found an article from Fox News and the Associated Press that describes several incidents of looting that has so far happened in New Orleans. However, after reading through that article, not once did I spot the words "white" or "black". Read it for yourself, you won't find any mention of race in this article.

West said that President Bush has also sent National Guardsmen down to New Orleans "to shoot us." They're going down there to shoot at civilians that decided to open fire on rescue personnel trying to evacuate people out of New Orleans. It's a real shame that Mr. West had to play the race card on such a tragedy, especially during an event trying to raise funds to help relief efforts for the affected areas.

But the worst atrocity of this event comes from Islamic terrorists. According to a Fox News article, statements from Islamic extremists praised the hurricane, calling her

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Sometimes sympathy is not enough

Staff Editorial

After all was said and done this week, 25,000 body bags were ordered to the New Orleans area, according to CNN.com. Estimates put the current death toll at about 10,000 people. Tens of thousands more have lost their homes, ripped from the life they once know in one violent, crushing blow of Hurricane Katrina.

The term "refugee" has now been labeled to these people, and it's a fitting way to describe their status. They have nowhere to go back to. The homes and jobs they once knew have been taken away. In many instances, their friends and family have been taken away as well.

The country seems to be finally kicking into gear and executing an effective relief effort. Many people are opening their homes to these refugees. Others are donating money and supplies.

Here in our neck of the woods, kind souls are doing what they can to pitch in.

UNO recently opened its doors to seven displaced students from the affected region. VaShawn Smith of the UNO student government, along with the Salvation Army, organized a relief effort at the Sept. 3 Maverick football game to raise money for refugees. Mav Radio is sponsoring a concert to benefit Katrina victims. Rita Henry, vice chancellor of student affairs, brought students and faculty together for a meeting on Sept. 8 to brainstorm and organize new ways to help out.

It's a true testament to the human heart that so many are beginning to spearhead efforts to help these refugees—people they've never even met. But we're a long way from the full potential of what could be done.

The most powerful tool in the quest to remedy a tragedy like this is the participation of the general public. That's a fancy way of

saying that not just a few, but *everyone* needs to get involved. Even if that means simply donating a dollar or two. A jar of baby food. A tube of toothpaste. *Anything*.

While sympathetic sentiments are appreciated by many, they're just not enough. Somber chat around the water cooler at work about the horror of it all isn't enough. Watching a victim on TV who is sobbing because she lost her son and shaking your head about the injustice of it all isn't enough. Just feeling sorry for these people is *not enough*.

The classic excuse used by many is that things are being done without you, and that your couple dollars won't make a difference. But it will. Imagine if every student on campus donated two measly dollars to the cause. That would amount to nearly \$30,000, more than enough to get an entire family back on its feet again—on its way back to living life.

Now imagine if everyone in Omaha donated a couple bucks. That's about one million dollars. Everyone in the country? Over five hundred million dollars.

If you've ever visited New Orleans, whether it was to party at Mardi Gras or stroll through the Garden District, you owe it the refugees to help, if even a little. If you're a fan of jazz music, much of which originated in the Big Easy, you owe it to them to donate a couple bucks. If you have French heritage, you owe it to them to pitch in some supplies.

If you consider yourself an American, you owe it to these people to lift your finger and do something, even if it means dropping a few quarters in a collection bucket. Most importantly, if you consider yourself a member of the human race, you owe it to *yourself* to do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We at the Gateway are participating in the relief effort by hosting a collection station for donated goods.

Public transportation will be the answer to high gas prices

My car is so cool that it sometimes hurts. I mean, aside from the occasional door ding and the faded Misfits sticker, this car is perfect. It has taken me from one Wisconsin rendezvous to the next without fail. It has carted my friends and me to rock festivals and amusement parks. Heck, as I write it is prepping for its most daunting task to date: relocating my kid, my cat and me to beautiful sunny southern California.

All of these travels have been made with the comforting knowledge that the geniuses at Honda designed my car to be a fuel-efficient master of the highway.

In light of recent gas price gouging, it doesn't seem to matter what these hard working people at Honda have done. Slaving away like automotive Oompa-Loompas in the name of fuel economy and customer service for nothing.

But, enough about their suffering. I'm hurting. My wallet, which was already an injured dog to begin with, is hurting. The girl with pasty white skin at the gas station is hurting because I look at her like she is the devil. Granted. She is horribly creepy with her Slipknot t-shirt under her smock and greasy hair sticking out from behind the constraints of her time-tested hair pony, but I doubt that she is any relation to the Prince of Darkness.

This is deeper than that. It delves deep into the cavernous hole that exists where

Bitter with Age



Angi Sada

the heart of corporate America is supposed to beat. However, it is heartless. It is heartless and mean and stinky.

Oh, but wait. There's more. According to the website howthingswork.com, 31 percent of what we pay at the pumps goes straight to the tax coffer. In fact, in some states there are laws that disallow selling gas below a certain percentage mark-up. This does protect the Mom'n'Pop filling stations, which are becoming increasingly rare,

by preventing large corporate gas stations from dropping their prices drastically and snatching up a larger cut of the customers in that market. But, it also guarantees that the states will get a cut that is to their liking.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I was deeply saddened by the poor young woman who lost her boyfriend in Iraq. This was a horrible tragedy that so many Americans are facing in these troubled times. While I can't begin to imagine what this loss has meant to her I cannot in good conscience allow her comments to go unanswered.

Yes, they signed up, yes they did their jobs, yes they should fight to protect freedom.

In Iraq they are not fighting for freedom or WMD. No weapons, no connection to 9/11, no threat to U.S. security. The Iraqi people will not be free under this new regime. They will live under radical Islamic Law. Iraq will be a

theocracy, not a democracy and there will be no real freedoms.

Honoring the troops doesn't mean blind allegiance to a badly bungled, unnecessary war. It means never sending them into harms way without real cause and when no such cause is found to bring them home.

No one is demeaning the level of their sacrifice by demanding accountability of an administration that has bungled this war so completely. It's not about staying the course, it's about doing the right thing and what we are doing in Iraq most certainly is not the right thing.

Crystal Rhoades

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According to a 2005 moneycentral.msn.com report, that is more than 45 of the other states in the nation including Connecticut, California and New York.

However, most of these top fuel taxes are not in the states with the highest gas prices. Last week, for example, it was rumored that several southern states were gouging prices in response to Hurricane Katrina. In a Sept. 2 report on usatoday.com, gas in Atlanta went up to \$3.99. According to internetautoguide.com, a mere seven days later, gas prices had dropped back down to \$2.59 per gallon, cheaper than in Omaha, that did not feel the same direct effects of the hurricane as southern cities.

This has forced a full-court press for me and the way I look at the gas I consume everyday with my commute to UNO from Bellevue and from my home in Olde Towne

Bellevue to my daughter's school and soccer practices in west Bellevue.

I've come to the conclusion that with the erratic market, the insane taxes in Nebraska and the necessity that I make all of these travels each day that I must sprout wings like the fat caterpillar from "A Bug's Life."

Unfortunately, that's not so much of an option. I am now hoping that there will be serious consideration of a light rail system connecting Bellevue, Papillion, west Omaha and downtown. Honestly, I think that it is a brilliant idea that will be worth the investment. It will move Omaha up a notch on the food chain and better serve the needs of Midlanders with disabilities that prohibit driving. It will also give me a reason to stop with the shoulder blade workouts and waiting for wings that won't come.

From **KATRINA:** Page 14

"Private Katrina" and saying that Allah sent her to kill all of us infidels. This is another example of who these terrorists are. As the death toll climbs to the near thousands, they celebrate as we help those who have survived, as we mourn with those who have lost, and as we try to rebuild from what can be salvaged. These monsters care not for the value of human life, but other countries, especially those with whom we've been at odds with, value human life over petty political squabbles.

Someone once told me that sometimes the

worst thing must happen in order to bring out the best in everyone. I am reminded of a quote from President Kennedy, which describes how countries from all around the world have come together to aid in this tragedy: "Our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet, we all breathe the same air, we all cherish our children's futures, and we are all mortal."

May everyone pray for the victims of this tragedy and donate to the relief efforts.

From **LOVE:** Page 14

allow an ex-boyfriend to move on happily without you.

And to some extent, I can understand that. No one wants to be made a fool of. Nobody wants to be the piece of decaying meat thrown out to the dogs.

But I think there's a pretty distinct line that many ex-girl and boyfriends cross that should never be drawn in the first place, let trampled over with thundering strides. I've had girls try to sleep with my friends, mess up relationships I'm in, play mind games to

the extent of lunacy and even try to charge me with an unwarrantable (and untrue) domestic abuse protection order in the hopes of messing up my career and social life.

Love makes people do f**cked-up things, and in that regard, love is essentially suicide.

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appealing about this phone is an SD card slot, which can be loaded up with pictures, movies or music on-the-go. All Cingular phones come with a SIM card, which is a small removable card that stores all user's settings, preferences and phone number so rather than being tied to a physical cell phone a user can just put the SIM card into a new phone and have everything just the way it was on an old phone.

The second largest carrier, Verizon, had three cell phones that met the modern lifestyle requirements, but only two managed to cut it. Both come from LG, and they come in the same series, except with a few minor differences, an LG VX8000 and an LG VX8100, the former retails at \$389 and latter retails at \$439. When all rebates are accounted for, and when a two-year contract is taken into account, it brings the

price down to \$149 for each one.

The pro's of the VX8100 is that it has an expandable memory; it accepts a Mini SD card up to 512 MB. It only supports MSN and Yahoo, so users of AIM would have to opt for the VX8000. The VX8000 comes with 128 MB of internal memory with no expandability. However, it supports AIM as well as MSN and Yahoo. Both phones have Bluetooth and both support video recording, viewing, and 3D gaming.

For high-end users, Verizon offers the best selection of Microsoft's Smart phones that feature a Windows Mobile platform, along with touch screens and applications that blow away anything currently available on the mid-range cell phones. They do come with a hefty price tag, starting at only \$500. These are among the best phones available out there and give you all the entertainment features without putting you in debt.

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this excuse reminds me of ancient times when women were meant only to reproduce and make their husbands happy. It's ridiculous. What about two infertile individuals who get married? They can't procreate.

Yet another argument is that **same-sex marriage would threaten the institution of marriage.** Ok, reread that phrase. It's saying that allowing someone to marry would threaten the institution of marriage. Doesn't seem very logical to me. Why would me marrying the man I love threaten anyone else's marriage? If you don't want me to get married, don't come to my wedding. Simple as that.

Those reasons are obviously all thought-out rather well. Although I can question them right off the bat, the conservatives who believe them have a response for anything I would be able to muster up. The funny thing is, here are the real reasons they oppose gay

marriage: they're uncomfortable with it.

Here are the reasons I want to get married: I want to be able to show my husband and children the love and affection that my parents showed me. I want to give my children all the things in life that I never had. I want to have all the legal and financial rights as any other couple in America

Most importantly, I want to be true to myself and marry the one I love. Not once did I mention sex.

So let us get over our petty and irrational reasons to oppose gay marriage. I think it's clear that they are based on nothing more than prejudice, ignorance and faulty assumptions. I believe there is an oath we all know called "The Pledge of Allegiance."

What was the last line? Oh, now I remember..."With liberty and justice for all."

UNO Hurricane Katrina Response

The Gateway

Collecting infant, hygiene and toiletry supplies at their office, MBSC 115.

Multicultural Affairs

Collecting non-perishable food items in their office, MBSC 1st floor.

SOLP and UNO Student Government

Will be bell ringing for the Salvation Army Hurricane Relief on Monday Sept. 19 through Friday, Sept. 23 on the MBSC Plaza from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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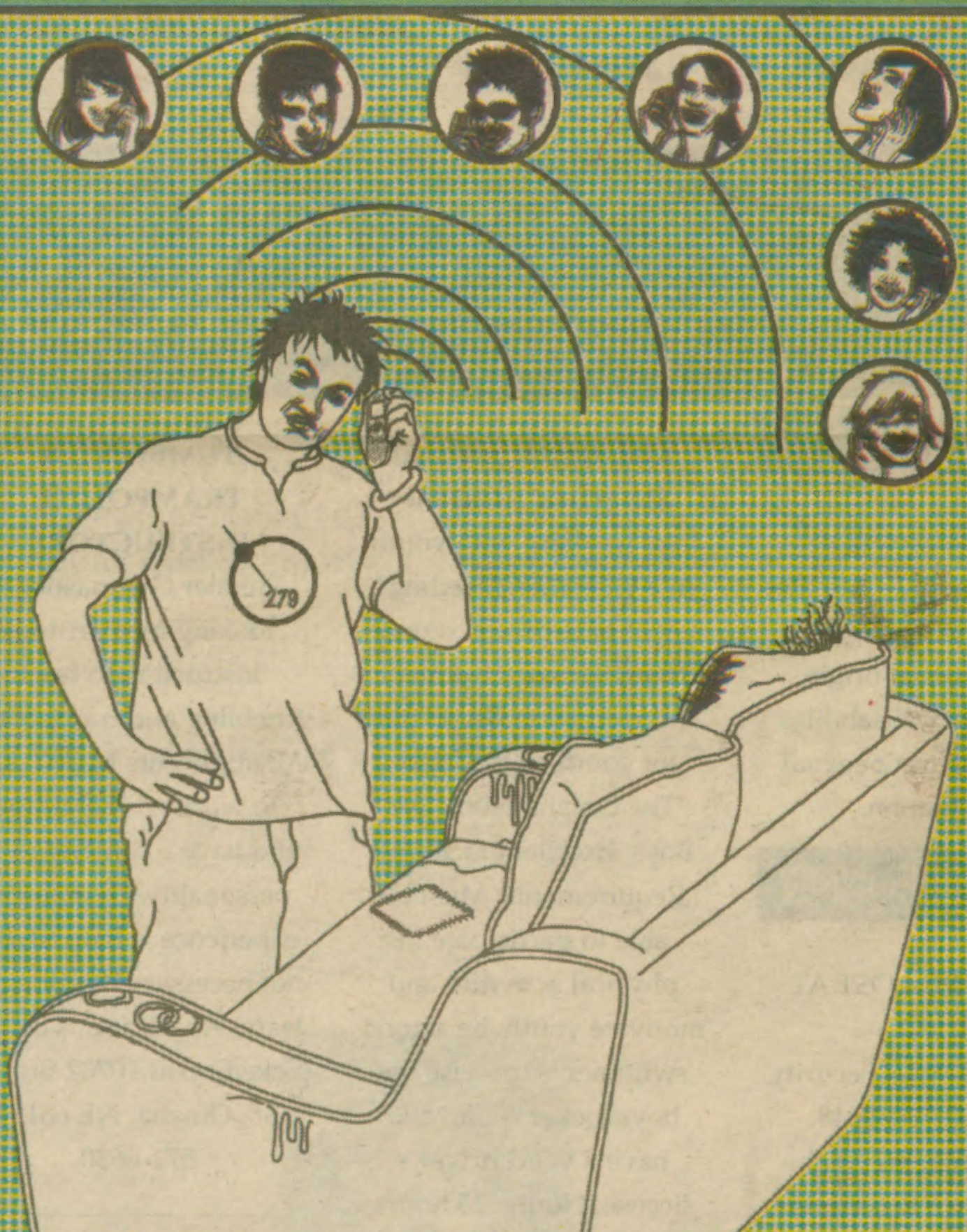
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